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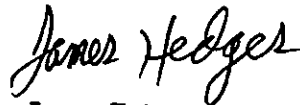
Dear Miss Hanlon:

This is a "public comment" letter in regard to the Yucca Mountain radioactive waste dump....

Putting high level waste anywhere that requires human supervision (and avoidance) over thousands of generations is unwise, whether or not the local geology is considered to be adequate.

My personal preference for waste disposal is still to dump it into the subduction zones adjacent to the continental plates, where it will be recycled into Earth's mantle without any further human intervention.

Sincerely,



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